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**RACHELLE L. HARZ
J.S.C.**

HEATHER R. SHEPPARD AND
ALPHONSO SHEPPARD,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ETHICON, INC., ETHICON WOMEN'S
HEALTH AND UROLOGY, a Division
of ETHICON, INC., GYNECARE,
JOHNSON & JOHNSON, and JOHN DOES
1-20,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - BERGEN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. BER-L-13926-14 MCL

MASTER DOCKET NO. BER-L-11575-14

CIVIL ACTION
In Re Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare
Litigation
Case No. 291

ORDER GRANTING THE MOTION FOR
THE PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF
DANIEL R. HIGGINBOTHAM

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on the Motion of Defendants Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson ("Defendants") for an Order admitting attorney Daniel R. Higginbotham, Esq., from the Charleston, West Virginia office of Thomas Combs & Spann PLLC, pro hac vice in the above matter; and the Court having read and considered all submissions in connection with the Motion; good cause appearing; and all parties having consented to admission pro hac vice of attorney Daniel R. Higginbotham, Esq.;

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IT IS on this 19 day of JANUARY, 2017,

ORDERED that Daniel R. Higginbotham, Esq. is hereby admitted pro hac vice to represent Defendants in this litigation in association with New Jersey counsel, Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP in the above matter; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Mr. Higginbotham shall abide by the New Jersey Court Rules, including all disciplinary rules, Rule 1:20-1 and Rule 1:28-2;

2. Mr. Higginbotham shall consent to the appointment of the Clerk of the Supreme Court as the agent upon whom service of process may be made for all actions against his firm that may arise out of his participation in this matter;

3. Mr. Higginbotham shall notify the Court immediately of any matter affecting his standing at the Bar of any other court;

4. Mr. Higginbotham shall have all pleadings, briefs, and other papers filed with the Court signed by an attorney of record authorized to practice in this State, who shall be held responsible for them, the conduct of the case, and the attorney admitted herein;

5. Mr. Higginbotham shall not be designated as trial counsel for purposes of Rule 4:25-4;

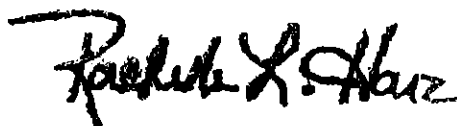
6. No delay in discovery, motions, trial, or any other proceeding shall occur or be requested by reason of the inability of Mr. Higginbotham to be in attendance;

7. Mr. Higginbotham must, within 30 days, pay the fees required by Rule 1:20-1 and Rule 1:28-2;

8. Automatic termination of pro hac vice admission will occur for failure to make the required annual payment to the Ethics Financial Committee and the New Jersey Fund for Client Protection. Proof of such payment, after filing proof of the initial payment, shall be made no later than February of each year;

9. Noncompliance with any of these requirements shall constitute grounds for removal; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel for Defendants shall serve a copy of this order on all parties within seven (7) days.



Hon. Rachelle Lea Harz, J.S.C.

_____ Opposed

_____ Unopposed